

Monon Railroad Company collection L101

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Monon Railroad Company collection
Date	1946-1972, undated
Extent	0.5 Cubic feet 1 manuscript box
Language	English
Mixed materials [Box]	L101

Preferred Citation

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Administrative History

The New Albany-Salem Rail Road was founded in July 8, 1847, running from the Ohio River at New Albany, Indiana to Salem, Indiana. By 1854 the railroad was complete, connecting the Ohio River at New Albany with Lake Michigan at Michigan City, Indiana.

The railroad went into receivership in 1858 and when it emerged, the name became the Louisville, New Albany and Chicago Railroad. Morgan's Raiders attacked the railroad lines during the Civil War. In April, 1865, a Monon engine pulled President Abraham Lincoln's funeral train over the 90 miles from Lafayette to Michigan City.

In 1897, the name was changed again to the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railroad. The nickname "Monon" came from the fact that the lines added to the system crossed in Monon, Indiana. Monon is an Indian word, perhaps meaning "tote" or "swift running".

The Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railway Company was reorganized as the Monon Railroad "The Hoosier Line" (headquartered in Chicago, Illinois), beginning in 1946 and effective in 1956. The Monon Railroad was the first class "A" railroad to become fully dieselized. It became an all-freight line in 1967, when the last of its passenger trains, the Thoroughbred, ceased running.

Indiana limestone was used to construct the Empire State building, the Pentagon, the National Cathedral, the Washington monument, and countless private buildings, museums, bridges, churches, walkways, monuments, statues, and gravestones. Each new slab of Indiana limestone rode a Monon flatcar first, wherever its destination.

The Monon Railroad then merged into Louisville and Nashville Railroad, effective July 31, 1971, with Louisville and Nashville Railroad (headquartered in Louisville, KY) becoming the surviving corporation. Some of the former Monon right of way is operated today by CSX Transportation.

Information found within the collection.

"History Of The Monon". Monon Railroad Historical Technical Society. Retrieved 2015/03/16. <http://www.monon.org/history.php>

"The Monon Railroad". The Dept - Railroad Museum. Retrieved 2015/03/16. <http://salemdepot.com/monon-rr.html>

Scope and Contents

This collection includes signed letters, stock transaction records, ledgers, company reports, newspaper clippings, railroad ticket stubs and holders, business cards and memorabilia from railroad officials and

others in Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois and other locations ranging from 1946 to 1972 and undated regarding the Monon Railroad organization.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2015/03/18 by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid created 2015/03/18 by Edythe Huffman.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

L317: Monon Railroad research collection

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company. Monon Division.
- Seaboard Coast Line Railroad.

Subject(s)

- Clippings
- Correspondence
- Memorabilia
- Railroads

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Shareholder letters, 1946-1971	1	1
Seaboard Coast Line Railroad Company and Louisville and Nashville Railroad Company documents, 1971	1	2
Newspaper clippings, 1972, undated	1	3
Railway business cards, undated	1	4
Railway ticket stubs, undated	1	5
Monon memorabilia, undated (folder 1 of 2)	1	6
Monon memorabilia, undated (folder 2 of 2)	1	7